

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 10/516,940 | 12/15/2004 | Yoshirou Funakoshi | 040664 | 5922 |
| 23850 | 7590 06/23/2006 | | EXAMINER | |
| ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS, HANSON & BROOKS, LLP | | | PARSA, JAFAR F | |
| 1725 K STREET, NW SUITE 1000 WASHINGTON, DC 20006 | | | ART UNIT | PAPER NUMBER |
| | | | 1621 | |

DATE MAILED: 06/23/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

DATE: 06/22/2006

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS, HANSON & BROOKS, LLP 1725 K STREET, NW SUITE 1000 WASHINGTON, DC 20006

To: Applicant of Serial Number 10516940 Filed on 15-DEC-2004 (Art Unit 1621)

It is estimated that this application will receive an Office action in approximately 9 months. This is an estimate that is based on the current inventory level of applications filed in this art area and the current staffing levels in this Art Unit. The USPTO is dedicated to minimizing first action and total pendency, and we are targeting resources to help address backlogs in art areas with high new application filings. Thank you for your inquiry.

Customer Service Office in Technology Center: 1600

 Phone Number:
 571-272-1600

 Central Fax Number:
 571-273-8300

Applicant/Attorney Contact Information:

Phone Number: Fax Number: